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# Nomenclature International non-proprietary name (INN) Melphalan flufenamide Chemical name 4-[Bis-(2-chloroethyl)amino]L-Phenylalanine-4-fluoro-L-phenylalanine ethyl ester hydrochloride Laboratory codes Melflufen hydrochloride

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380449-54-7 (HC1 salt) 380449-51-4 (free base)

#### Structure

Structural formula

Figure 1-1 Structural formula of melflufen hydrochloride

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#### Molecular formula

C24 CH31C13FN3O3 (HC1 salt)

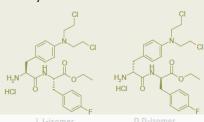
#### Molecular weight

534.9 (HC1 Salt)

#### Stereochemistry

Melflufen hydrochloride contains two stereogenic centers giving rise to four possible stereoisomers. Melflufen hydrochloride drug substance is the L,L-isomer. The structures are outlined in Figure 1-2.

### Figure 1-2 Structure of melflufen hydrochloride isomer



#### **General properties**

#### Appearance

White to slightly yellowish powder

#### Solubility

Melflufen hydrochloride is soluble in most organic solvents. The solubility in water and buffers is limited.

#### Partition coefficient

ClogP = 4.04 (tecken) 0.66, calculated using ACD logP DB, v.6.0 (from Advanced Chemistry Development)

#### Dissociation constant

pKa 10.0 (determined in ethanol solution)

#### Optical rotation

 $[\alpha] D \ 5.2^{\circ}$  (c 1.9, CH3OH) at 20°C

#### Thermal behaviour

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) was performed using a Mettler Toledo DSC 822 instrument and a scanning rate of 2(tecken)C/minute. The melting temperature was measured using batch GF404528 and determined from the DSC thermogram to be 205.4°C, as shown in

# Melflufen - A first in class potential new backbone for multiple myeloma

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# **Oncopeptides overview**

### Ongoing Phase 3 program addressing a \$8bn+ market opportunity in myeloma



#### Develops targeted cancer treatments

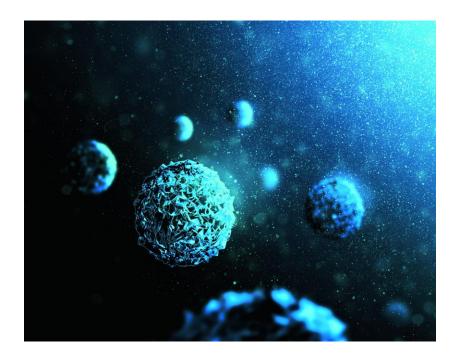
- Proprietary peptidase-enhanced compounds
- Lead compound Melflufen a peptide conjugated alkylator for Multiple Myeloma

#### Significant unmet needs in Multiple Myeloma

- Melflufen Phase 2 showed the best MM survival data to date
- Melflufen Phase 3 readout expected in Q3 2019
  - Pivotal program running at 140 sites
  - Three additional supporting trials ongoing
- Based in Sweden, listed on NASDAQ Stockholm
  - Market cap: approximately 725 MUSD
  - Cash position Sep. 30, 2018: 54 MUSD



Clinical trials expected to start in 2019



# Melflufen (Ygalo®) - Potential new backbone agent in multiple myeloma



Significant unmet need for novel backbone agent

- Relapse in multiple myeloma inevitable despite approval of novel agents
- Treatment paradigm evolving rapidly resistance and tolerability remain key challenges
- 9 out of 10 patients receive broad spectrum ("backbone") agents (IMiDs/PIs/Alkylators)
- Majority of patients receive single agent (+/- steroid) treatments after 1L
- Once refractory, prognosis is poor, with limited options (pomalidomide de facto SoC)

Melflufen (Ygalo®):
With a novel mechanism
of action

- Melflufen is a peptide conjugated alkylator developed with Oncopeptides proprietary Peptidase Enhanced Cytotoxic (PEnC) platform
- Highly selective for transformed cells, with significant increase in therapeutic index
- 50+x activity increase in transformed cells with no increase against PBMCs
- Does not share resistance mechanisms with other classes of agents including alkylators

Best-in-class efficacy seen in Phase 2

- Phase 2 demonstrated the best overall survival data to date in late-stage myeloma
- Well tolerated with limited adverse events negatively impacting patient quality of life
- Bone pain improvement seen in first-cycle of treatment
- Data provides high level conviction for success in Phase 3 OCEAN head-to-head comparison with polamidomide

Ygalo well positioned to address \$8bn+ market opportunity

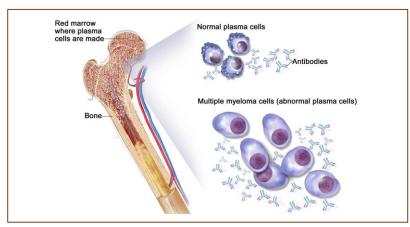
- Melflufen (Ygalo®) addresses \$8bn+ market opportunity with double digit % growth
- Agreement with FDA (SPA) and EMA on P3 clinical trial design
- Orphan drug designation in EU and US
- Multiple paths to approval de-risk the development pathway
- Good activity signal in a broad range of oncology indications

# Almost all multiple myeloma patients receive broad spectrum agents

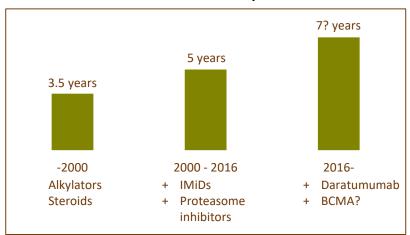
Treatment paradigm rapidly evolving with increased use of backbone agents



#### Myeloma – Uncontrolled plasma cell proliferation



# Median Survival increasing with more available treatment options

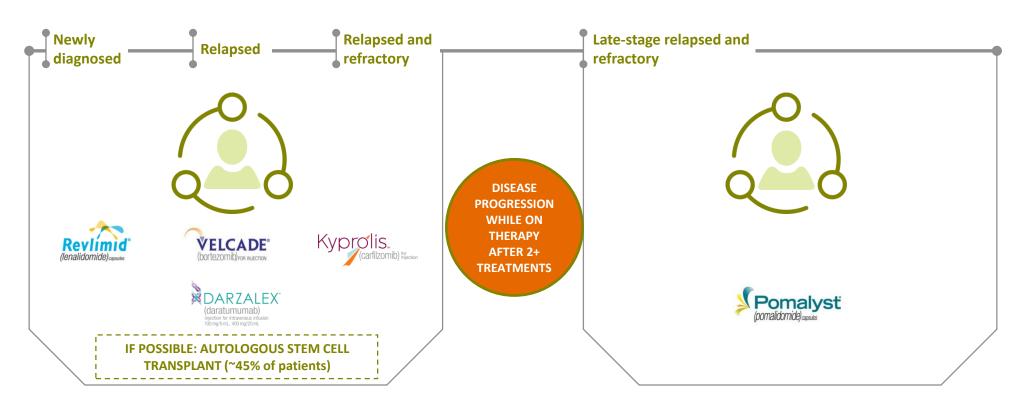


- Overall survival increasing but clonal selection results in inevitable relapse and treatment resistance
- 9 out of 10 patients receive broad spectrum agents (IMiDs, PIs and/or alkylators)
  - No ubiquitously expressed antigens in myeloma
  - Antibody-based therapies used in combination with IMiDs,
     PIs and alkylators
- New targeted agents are growing the patient population
  - 4th+ line patients receiving treatment in the US grew by
     >40% in 2017
- Rapidly shifting treatment landscape
  - Lenalidomide and proteasome inhibitors are used early in the treatment algorithm
  - Daratumumab is moving from last-line to 1st line/ 2nd line rapidly

# Late-stage myeloma patients are well defined from both a regulatory and clinical point of view



#### Lines of therapy throughout the disease stages

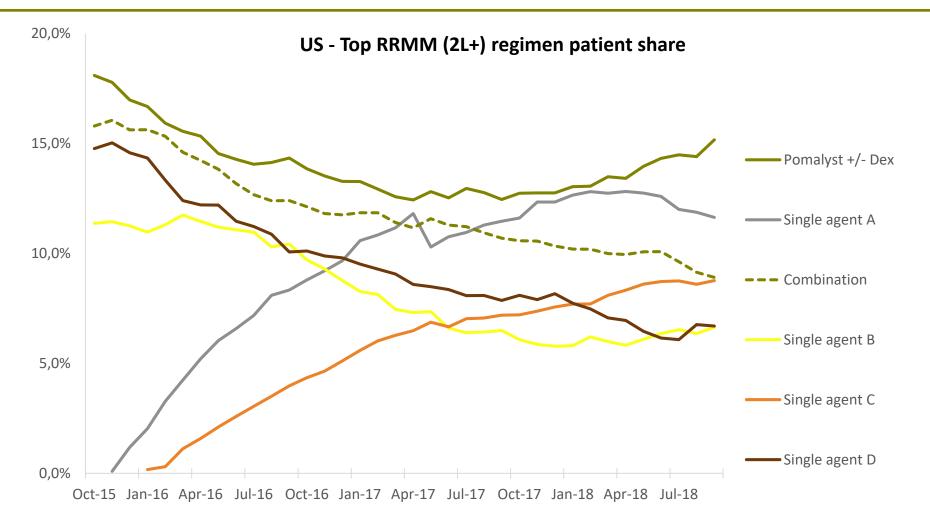


Limited number of treatment options for late-stage RRMM patients – Novel treatment options are necessary and demanded by patients and regulatory bodies

# Single agent +/- steroid predominantly used in 2 Line + despite guidelines

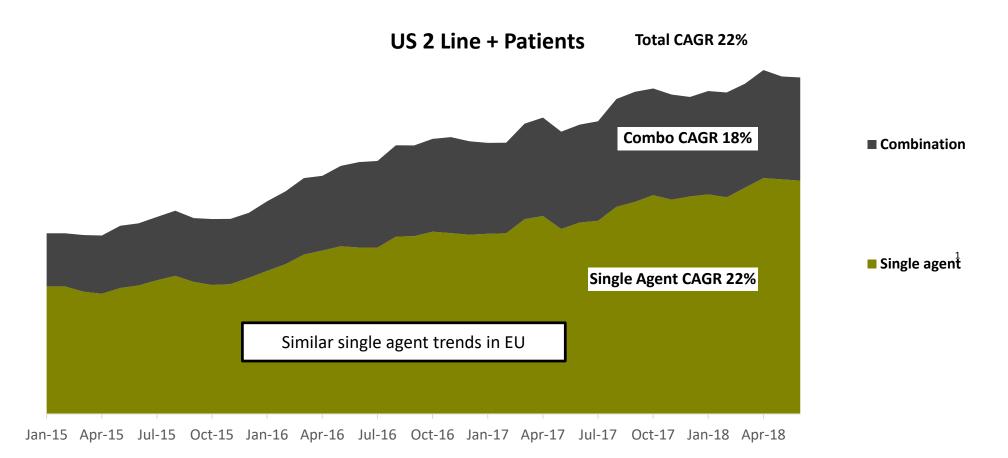
Pomalyst is the most commonly used regimen in 2 Line + (US data)





# Single agent regimens are growing faster than combinations in 2 Line +, seemingly cementing the rise of single agent +/- steroid





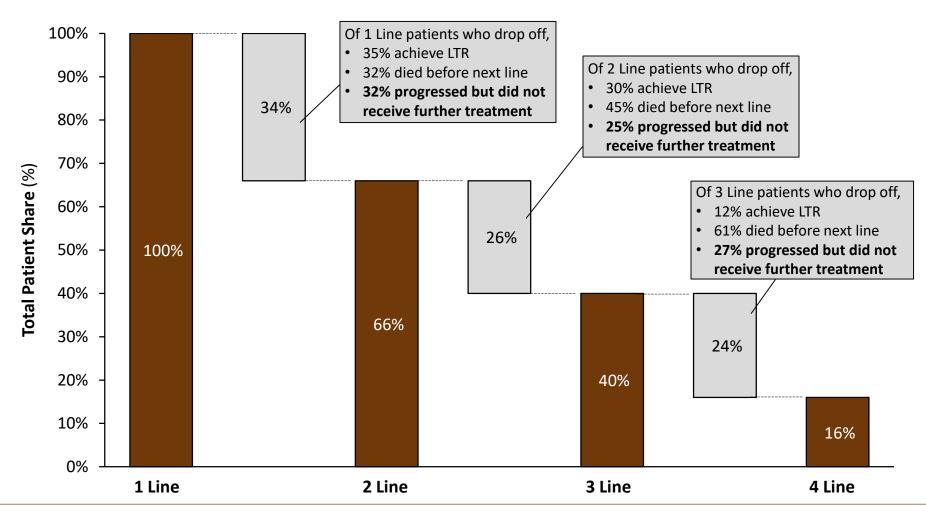
Limited use of Antibodies with combination data only, single agent data vital for market penetration

# A significant number of patients do not tolerate additional therapy

One in four patients drop out of treatment - mainly due to tolerability



### **Source of Business for Treated Patients by Line of Therapy – Non-SCT** (U.S.)

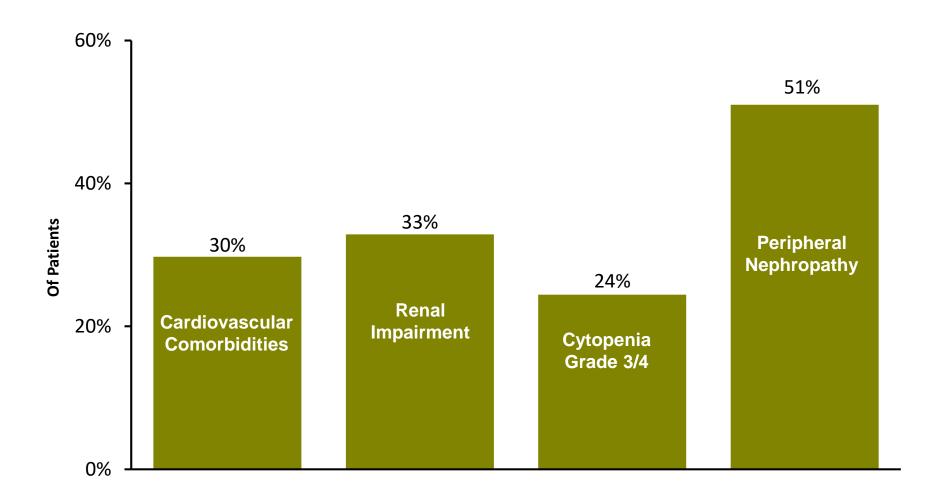


Source: Kantar Health LTR: Long-Term Remission



# Co-morbidities restrict treatment selection in all stages of treatment

Comorbidities significantly restrict therapy choice, with surveyed comorbidity rates reflecting both qualitative research findings and literature estimates

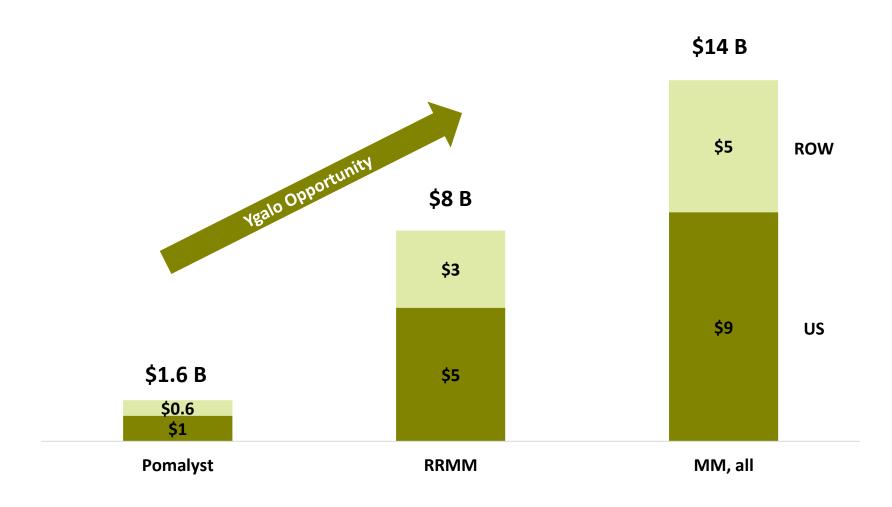




# Melflufen (Ygalo®) opportunity in RRMM

2017 Multiple Myeloma Net Sales Breakdown



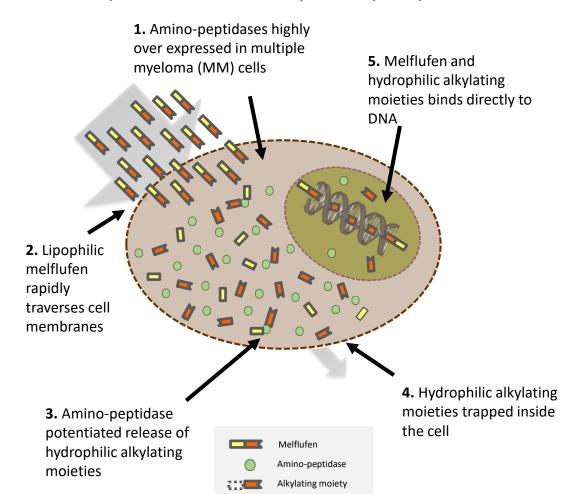


# Melflufen is a first in class peptide conjugated alkylator

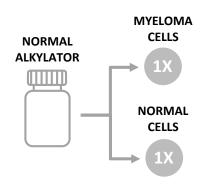
Aminopeptidases overexpressed up to 250x as part of transformation process

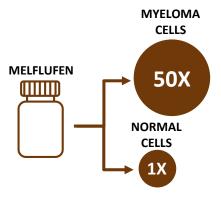


#### Peptidase enhanced activity in Multiple Myeloma cells



#### **Results in 50-fold higher potency**





# Melflufen (Ygalo®) is a highly differentiated selective compound

Well positioned to become the next backbone agent in myeloma



- ✓ Melflufen has a unique and well defined mechanism of action
  - Does not share resistance mechanism with other classes
- ✓ Phase 2 demonstrated the best overall survival data to date in late-stage myeloma
  - Bone pain improvement seen in first-cycle of treatment
- ✓ Well tolerated with limited adverse events negatively impacting patient quality of life.
  - Does not rely on renal excretion (renal function often severely impacted in myeloma)
- ✓ Convenient once monthly 30 min infusion
- Covered by Medicare Part B vs Part D

# Development program for melflufen is designed to support its potential as a new broad spectrum backbone agent after IMiD and PI failure

#### Must have characteristics

- Single agent +/- steroid activity in multi-refractory patients of 20%+ ORR
- Single agent +/- steroid approval in refractory patients
- Efficacy synergy in combination with other main myeloma drugs with good tolerability
- No major QoL tolerability issues
- No co-morbidity limitations

#### Nice to have characteristics

Easy administration schedule

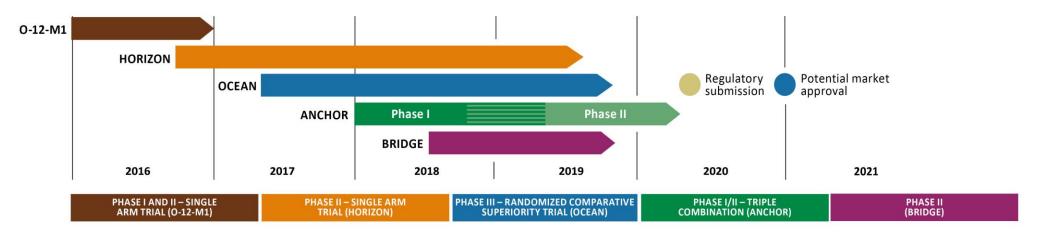
#### Melflufen

- O-12-M1 showed an ORR of 31% and HORIZON an ORR of 32% in multi-refractory patients
- OCEAN is designed to give single-agent approval
- ANCHOR, first dataset from ongoing trial was presented at ASH in December 2018
- Very good QoL with almost no non-hematological AEs
- No co-morbidity limitations, Drug-Drug Interaction

Once monthly 30min infusion

# Our clinical development program is designed to establish a tier 1 drug in RRMM





O-12-M1



OCEAN





Show single-agent activity in RRMM

Show single-agent activity in RRMM

Show single-agent superiority over SoC in RRMM (pomalidomide)

Show combination synergy and tolerability with daratumumab and bortezomib

Show that melflufen can be used in patients with renal impairment

# Overview of clinical data to date (ASH 2018)

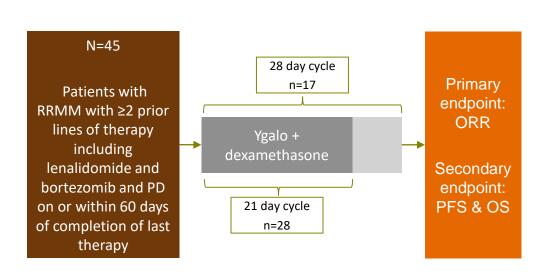


1st line	2nd line	3rd line	4th line	5th line	6th line	7th line
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# Phase II (O-12-M1) study design and patient disposition

Patients were IMiD and PI exposed with refractory disease





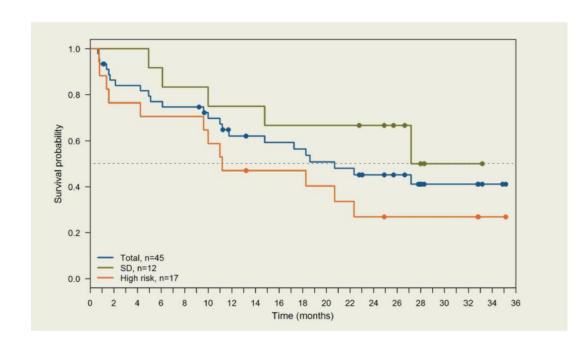
	N = 45
Median age, years (range)	66 (47-78)
Years since diagnosis, median (range)	5.1 (1.4 – 21.2)
Number of previous lines of therapy, median (range)	4 (2-14)
ISS, stage at study entry, n (%)	
I	15 (33)
II or III	27 (60)
Unknown	3 (7)
ECOG performance status, n (%)	
0	23 (51)
1	22 (49)
2	0
High-risk cytogenetic risk factors by FISH, n (%)*	17 (38)
Double-refractory, n (%) (IMiD +PI)	29 (64)
Last line refractory, n (%)**	42 (93)
Pomalidomide refractory, n (%)	20 (44)
Refractory to an alkylator (melphalan, cyclophosphamide or bendamustine), n (%)	24 (53)

<sup>\*</sup> t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20), del(17/17p) or gain(1q)

<sup>\*\* 3</sup> patients had PR or better in the last line of therapy and PD within 180 days of last dose

# Melflufen (Ygalo®) demonstrated best-in-class survival data in late-stage RRMM





- >75% better Overall Survival (best survival data to date in late-stage myeloma)
- 30% better Progression Free Survival (by Hazard Ratio)
- 25%-35% better objective tumor Response Rates (ORR and CBR)
- Better tolerated by the patients nonhematological toxicity is rare
- Ygalo demonstrated a larger benefit on OS than PFS suggesting that Ygalo may improve response to subsequent treatments. A possible mechanism for this is clonal resetting which requires further exploration in ongoing studies

N	PD	SD	MR	PR	VGPR	ORR	CBR	PFS	OS
ITT (N=45)1	7	12	8	9	5	31%	49%	5.7 months	20.7 months
Efficacy evaluable (N=34)	1	11	8	9	5	41%	65%	(95% CI:3.7-9.3) <sup>2</sup>	(95% CI:11.8-∞) <sup>3</sup>

cytogenetics the mOS was 11.2 m (10.0 - ∞, event rate 71%). Fourteen (31%) pts were alive 24m after end of treatment, including 4 pts with high-risk cytogenetics.

<sup>1. 4</sup> patients did not have a response assessment.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on 41 events in 45 pts. In pts with  $\geq$ PR, the median PFS was 11.7 months (95% CI: 9.8 –  $\infty$ , event rate 93%). The median DOR was 8.4 months (95% CI: 5.8 –  $\infty$ ).

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# Best overall survival data to date in late stage myeloma

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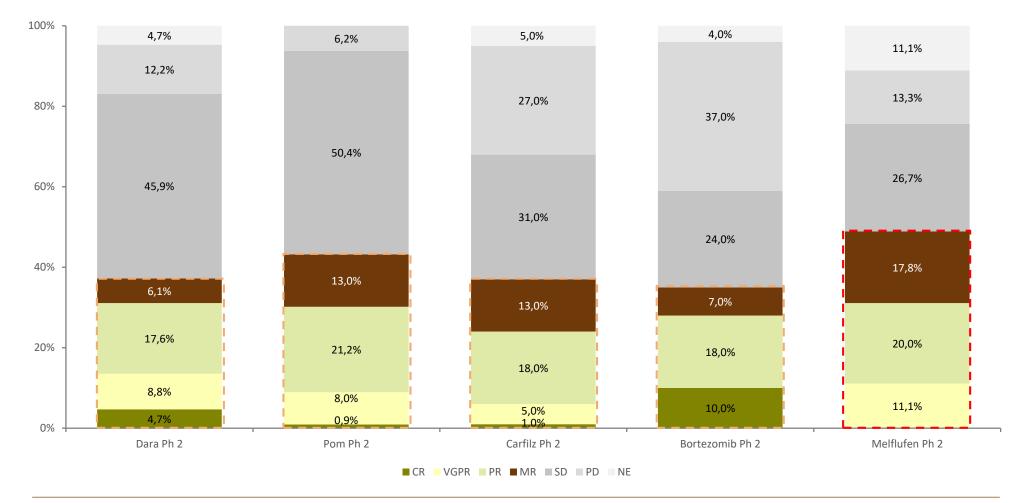
	Melflufen	Daratumumab	Pomalidomide*	Carfilzomib
N	45	106	302	266
Year	2017	2016	2013	2012
Population	Refractory to last, exposed to iMID, PI and alkylator, IMiD and PI refractory	Refractory to last, ≥3 lines with IMiDs and PI, double refractory to PI and IMiD  Refractory to last, at least 2 with bort and len and recei alklylator		>2 prior for relapsed including Bar, Len or thal, alk or anthra alone or in combo
Time from diag.	5.0 years	4.8 years	5.3 years	5.4 years
High risk Cytog.	44%	19%	~30%	28%
Number of lines	4, 78% ≥3 lines	5, 82% ≥3 lines	5, 94 % ≥2 lines	82% ≥4 lines
Refract. to last	87%	97%	100.0%	94.0%
ORR	31.1%	29.2%	31.0%	23.7%
ORR high risk	25%	20%	-	29.6%
Med. duration treat	3.7 months	-	Progressive Disease or Unacceptable Toxicity	3.0 months
Med. duration response	8.4 months	7.4 months	7.0 months	7.8 months
Median PFS	5.7 months (11.7 in ≥PR)	3.7 months	4.0 months (TTP 4.7 months)	3.7 months
Median OS	20.7 months	17.5 months	12.7 months	15.6 months

Source: Richardson PG et al., ASH 2017; Usmani SZ et al., 2016: Miguel JS et al., 2013; Siegel DS et al., 2012



<sup>\* =</sup> source FDA label

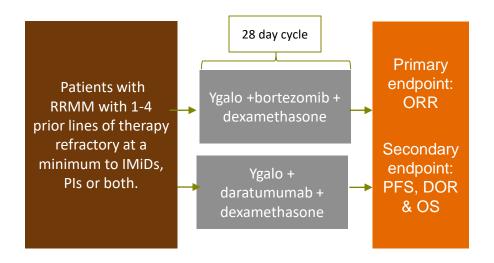
# Significant clinical benefit, in comparison with other approved drugs in late-stage RRMM



# **ANCHOR study overview**

The ability to combine melflufen with bortezomib or daratumumab in RRMM





- While single agent treatment is most common in 2L+, combination regimens are not infrequent, especially at academic centers
- All major treatment options in myeloma are possible to combine with other modalities for synergistic effects on efficacy
- ANCHOR aims to show that melflufen has treatment synergies with bortezomib and daratumumab in the treatment of patients with RRMM

# **ANCHOR – Interim data reveal at ASH 2018**

# Melflufen and dexamethasone in combination with bortezomib in RRMM (n=3)



#### In combination with bortezomib – n=3

- Elderly population 3 prior lines of therapy
- True RRMM population (not maintenance refractory) 2/3 had disease progression while on last line of therapy
- 3/3 responded on therapy (ORR 100%) all pts ongoing with good tolerability

#### Table 1. Patient characteristics

MELFLUFEN+BORTEZOMIB+DEX (N=3)
81 (70-82)
6.9 (5.7-7.3)
3 (2-4)
3 (100)
0
0
) 0
3.9 (3.6-4.2)
2 (67)
3 (100)
1 (33)
1 (33)
2 (67)

<sup>\*</sup>t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20), del(17/17p) or gain(1q)

Note: PI refractory status was an exclusion criterion in this trial arm.

#### SAFETY

No DLTs were observed at the 30 mg melflufen dose level. The regimen was well tolerated with clinically manageable G3/4 hematological AEs and the low number of non-hematological AEs was noteworthy. The highest cohort of melflufen 40 mg has been opened for enrolment.

Table 2. Treatment-related (possible/probable) G3/G4 AEs

	MELFLUFEN + DEX	+ BORTEZOMIB (N=3)
CHARACTERISTICS	GRADE 3 n (%)	GRADE 4 n (%)
Any treatment-related AE	2 (67)	0
Neutropenia	2 (67)	0
Thrombocytopenia	2 (67)	0
Pneumonia pneumococcal	1 (33)	0

One patient experienced 3 treatment-related SAEs (G2 pneumonia, G3 neutropenia, G3 pneumonia pneumococcal).

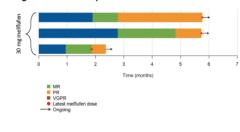
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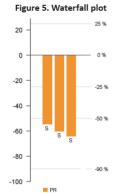
All 3 patients were still ongoing with a median treatment duration of 5.8 months (2.3-6.1). The patients received a total of 17 cycles of treatment with a median of 7 (3-7). All 3 patients achieved partial response (PR) (Table 3).

Table 3. Response assessment

	ORR	CR	VGPR	PR	MR	SD	PD
Total (N=3)	100%	0	0	3*	0	0	0
* 1 unconfirmed PR							







# **ANCHOR – Interim data reveal at ASH 2018**

# Melflufen and dexamethasone in combination with daratumumab in RRMM (n=9)

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#### In combination with daratumumab – n=9

- 2-3 prior lines of therapy
- True RRMM population (not maintenance refractory) 5/9 had disease progression while on last line of therapy
- 6/7 patients responded to therapy (ORR 86%) with good tolerability and deepening responses. All patients ongoing.

#### Table 4. Patient characteristics

CHARACTERISTICS	MELFLUFEN + DEX + DARA (N=9)
Median age, years (range)	63 (35-78)
Median time since diagnosis, years (range)	4.0 (1.8-6.6)
Number of previous lines (range)	2.0 (1-3)
ISS at study entry, n (%)	
1	8 (89)
II	0
III	1 (11)
High-risk cytogenetic risk factor by FISH*, n(%)	3 (33)
Median albumin (range)	4.1 (3.1-4.5)
High LDH (1.5 x UNL)	3 (33)
IMiD refractory, n (%)	6 (67)
PI refractory, n (%)	2 (22)
IMiD + PI refractory, n (%)	1 (11)
Alkylator, n (%)	2 (22)
Last line refractory, n (%)	5 (56)

<sup>\*</sup>t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20), del(17/17p) or gain(1q)

Note: Daratumumab refractory status was an exclusion criterion in this trial arm.

#### SAFETY

Four\* patients were treated with 30 mg melflufen and no DLTs were observed. Five patients were treated with 40 mg melflufen with no DLTs observed (6 patients on 40 mg melflufen required to confirm dose level). The combination of melflufen, dexamethasone and daratumumab was well tolerated with clinically manageable G3/4 hematological AEs and the low number of non-hematological AEs was noteworthy.

\* First patient in the 40 mg cohort erroneously received 30 mg.

#### Table 5. Treatment-related (possible/probable) G3/G4 AEs

	MELFLUFEN+B	ORTEZOMIB+DEX (N=9)
CHARACTERISTICS	GRADE 3/4 n (%)	GRADE 4 n (%)
Any treatment-related AE	7 (78)	4 (44)
Neutropenia	6 (67)	0
Thrombocytopenia	3 (33)	1 (11)
Lymphocyte count decrease	3 (33)	3 (33)
White blood cell count decrease	1 (11)	1 (11)

No treatment-related SAEs were reported.

#### EFFICACY

All 9 patients were still ongoing with a median treatment duration of 3.9 months (0-6.9). They received a total of 39 cycles of treatment with a median of 4 (1-8). Best response for the 9 treated patients is described in Table 6.

#### Table 6. Response assessment

	ORR	CR	VGPR	PR	MR	SD	PD	N/A**
Total (N=9)	86%	0	4*	2	0	1	0	2

<sup>\* 1</sup> unconfirmed VGPR \*\* 2 pts were still in their first cycle of treatment and were therefore not evaluable for respon

Figure 6. Swim-lane plot

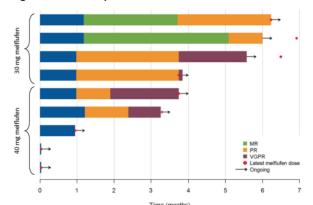
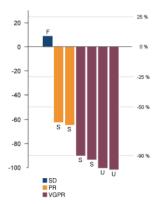


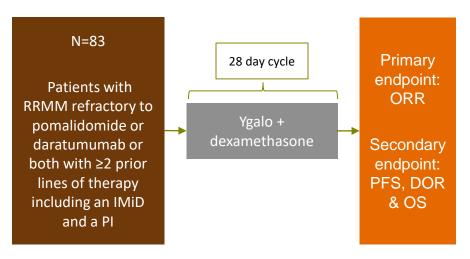
Figure 7. Waterfall plot



# **HORIZON** study overview

### Impact of Melflufen (Ygalo®) on patients with very limited treatment options





- Once patients become IMiD/PI/Dara refractory, they have an extremely poor prognosis
- Growing evidence that dara refractory patients are extremely difficult to treat
- Very ill patient population (61% High-risk patients, 36% ISS stage III patients)

#### **Baseline characteristics**

	RANGE
Age (median)	63 yrs (35-86)
Male / Female	59 / 41 %
Median time since diagnosis	6.5 yrs (0.7-25)
Median prior lines of therapy	5 (2-13)
ISS stage I / II / III*	33 / 29 / 36 %
ECOG 0 / 1 / 2	27 / 58 / 16 %
High-risk cytogenetics** / 2 or more high risk abnormalities	61 / 20 %
Received ASCT (%) / Relapsed within 1 year after ASCT (%)	69 / 17 %
Albumin < 3.5 g/dl	35%
Baseline β2 microglobulin > 3.5 mg/l	50%

#### **Prior lines of therapy**

Refractory to	%
Pom or dara	100
Pom and dara	60
Double refractory (PI+IMiD)	86
Double + anti-CD38 refractory	60
Monoclonal antibody (MoAb)	80
Alkylator exposed	84
Alkylator refractory	55
Received 1 ASCT / 2 ASCT	69 / 25
Refractory in last line	93

<sup>\*</sup>Missing data for 3 patients.

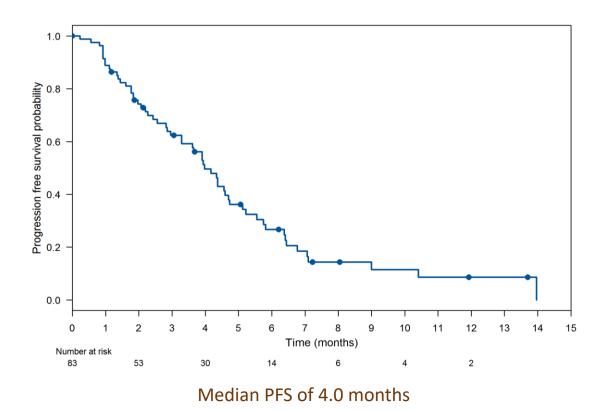
<sup>\*\*</sup> HR status data pending 7 missing in 23 patients

# Promising results in patients without treatment options (HORIZON)

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Response	NE	PD	SD	MR	ORR
% (n)	1% (1)	15% (12)	45% (37)	6% (5)	33% (27)

sCR	VGPR	PR
1% (1)	11% (9)	21% (17)



- Strong overall response rate with 33%
- Median PFS of 4.0 months
- Strong activity in triple refractory (IMiD, PI and daratumumab) refractory patients

# Promising results in patients without treatment options (HORIZON)



	G3/G4 n (%)	G4 n (%)
Any treatment-related grade 3-4 AEs in ≥2 pts	62 (75)	42 (51)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	61 (73)	41 (49)
Neutropenia	51 (61)	29 (35)
Thrombocytopenia	49 (59)	30 (36)
Anaemia	21 (25)	1 (1)
Febrile neutropenia	5 (6)	2 (2)
Leukopenia	4 (5)	3 (4)
Lymphopenia	4 (5)	1 (1)
Infections and infestations	6 (7)	0 (0)
Pneumonia	2 (2)	0 (0)
Treatment-related SAEs	14 (16)*	5 (6)

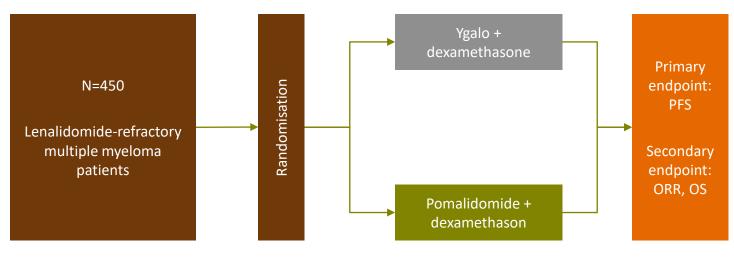
- No treatment-related deaths.
- The patients had G4 lab thrombocytopenia at Day 29 in 4% of the cycles.
- 3 pts (4%) experienced treatmentrelated bleeding: G1 in 2 patients, and G3 in 1 patient.
- Incidence of non-hematologic adverse events low.
- Incidence of infections low (7.2%).
- Discontinuation rate due to AEs was 13% (8 of 11 due to thrombocytopenia).

<sup>\*</sup>Most frequent: febrile neutropenia (5 of 14), neutropenia (3 of 14) and thrombocytopenia (2 of 14).

# Data to date provides high conviction for success in OCEAN

Phase II data supports superiority of Ygalo® over standard-of-care in late-stage myeloma - a \$8bn+ market opportunity





#### **Late-Stage Relapsed Refractory**



TREATMENT	ORR	CBR	MEDIAN PFS	MEDIAN DOR	MEDIAN OS
Pomalidomide + dexamethasone	24%	NR	3.6 months	7.0 months	12.4 months
Ygalo® + dexamethasone	31%	49%	5.7 months	8.8 months	20.7 months

Note: NR=Not Reported. Ygalo® is not market approved.

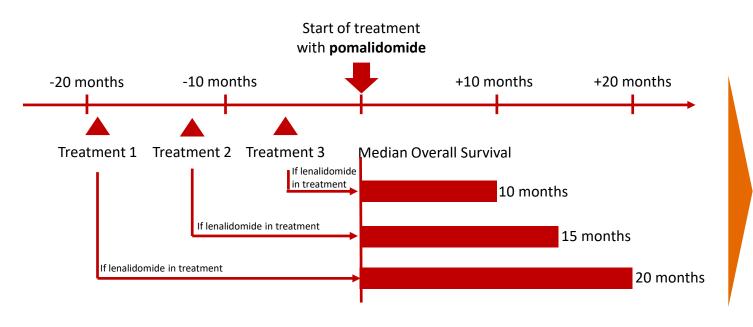
Source: FDA Label.

### Pomalidomide shares resistance mechanism with lenalidomide

No assumption has been made in OCEAN power calculation about this factor



#### Dimopoulos research supporting an IMiD free period



50% reduction in efficacy if patient recently failed on lenalidomide - suggests significant resistance overlap between lenalidomide and pomalidomide

# Pomalidomide shares resistance mechanism with lenalidomide (cont'd.)

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### Siegel data of pom+dex in len-refractory patients

Median prior lines of 2, 91% len-refractory, median 4.5 years since diagnosis, 5.4% ISS III,

- 33.9% ORR
- 9.6m PFS

Len-registration data as 2nd line agent together with dex

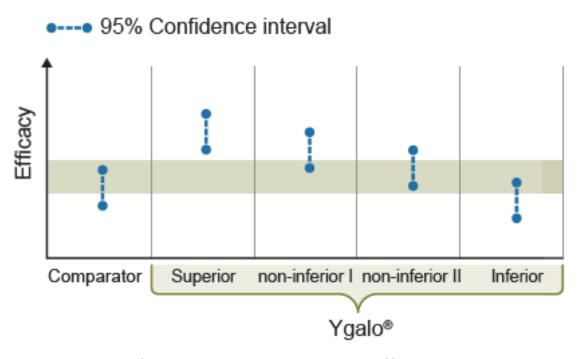
Median prior lines of 2, 30.1% thalidomide exposed, median 3.4 years since diagnosis, 65.3% Durie-Salmon III

- 60.2% ORR (includes thalidomide exposed patients)
- 13.5m PFS

29-44% reduction in efficacy in a significantly healthier population (the difference in staging should be based on data resulting in a 39% difference to the benefit of pom) in lenrefractory patients

# **HORIZON** and **BRIDGE** support the result in **OCEAN**





In a non-inferiority outcome scenario, differentiation is key, e.g.

- Better tolerability (OCEAN)
- No overlap in resistance mechanism (HORIZON)
- Renal clearence not required for melflufen (Ygalo®) (BRIDGE)

- Relapse in MM is inevitable despite advances with novel agents
- Fundamentally only four treatment modalities available IMiDs, PIs, alkylators and anti-CD38
- 9 out of 10 patients treated with broad spectrum backbone agents due to heterogeneity of the tumor
- Aggressive front line use of IMiD/PI combinations until disease progression results in need to switch treatment already in 2L patients. With only four available treatment modalities this drives a heterogeneous 2L+ treatment landscape
- As a consequence, there is a significant need for novel MoAs in relapsed-refractory MM patients
- Treatment with single-agent +/- steroid most common in 2L+ patients with pomalidomide +/- dex having the largest market share
- QoL is a key factor for patients one MM patient out of four opt out of treatment mainly due to tolerability
- Melflufen's clinical profile to date and current clinical development program addresses a significant clinical need in myeloma with its level of efficacy, tolerability profile, administration schedule, lack of co-morbidity drug/drug interaction limitations and expected label.
- Initial market revenue will be generated from a USD 8bn+ opportunity.